

A large crowd gathered to watch the medflight copter take off.

Fire Station Open House



A group of local and visiting firefighters pose with everyone's favorite, Smokey the Bear. A friend Sparky from Plymouth, joins in.



One of Boston's medflight crews surprised visitors by landing on the side lawn of the fire station. Pilot Rick Ruff, Chief Flight Nurse Kristin Johnson, and Paramedic James Ahlstedt just before takeoff.

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Saturday was the sixth annual open house at the fire station on Tremont Street, and the turnout was better than ever, according to Fire Chief Harriman. The open house is a great opportunity for children to meet fire fighters and climb on the fire engines, boats, rescue helicopter, and ambulances. Seeing a fire fighter dressed in a full fire suit, air tank, and mask can be frightening to youngsters, so coming to the station during this time is a great way to take the mystery out of the masked men. It is also a good time for the residents to ask questions. Papa Ginos, Stop "N Shop, Victory Market, and Tuscon Tacos donated food and drinks for the event.



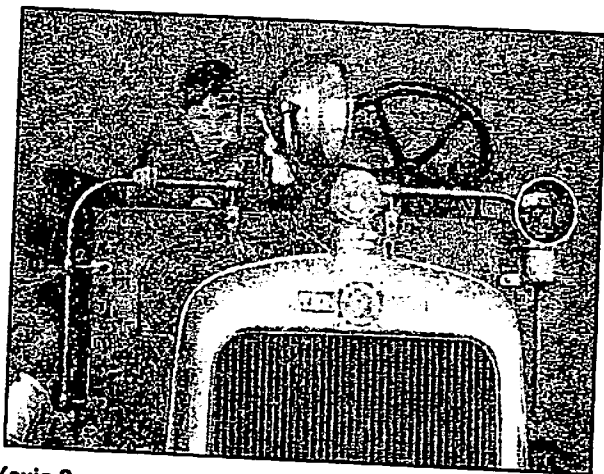
Firefighter Nick Merry drains the water out of a fire hose that he held at the ready as the helicopter took off.



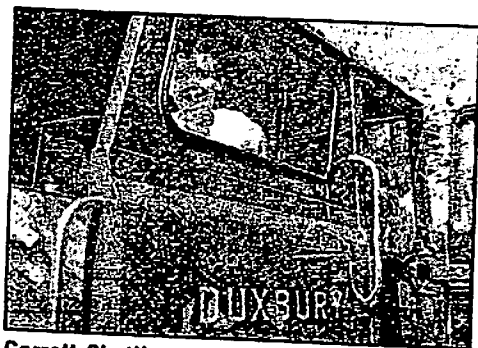
Lt. John Guilderson helped organize the open house with Fire Chief Bill Harriman.



Kayla Slocum, age 5, spent a good part of the afternoon on a 1905 pumper truck that was drawn by two horses and served in Duxbury for 23 years.



Kevin Corcoran, age 4, directs the headlight on a Duxbury fire truck that began service in town in 1928.



Garrett Chatlin, age 5, looks at his parents through the side window of a fire engine.



Dave Wyllie and son Ian, age 6, didn't have to "keep back" from the fire engines this day. Ian said it was "cool."



A view of the firefighters' cubbies.



Tess Paynolta, age 4, enjoys driving a fire engine, while her friend hides behind her.